REGARDLESS OF WHETHER ANYONE BELIEVES ME,

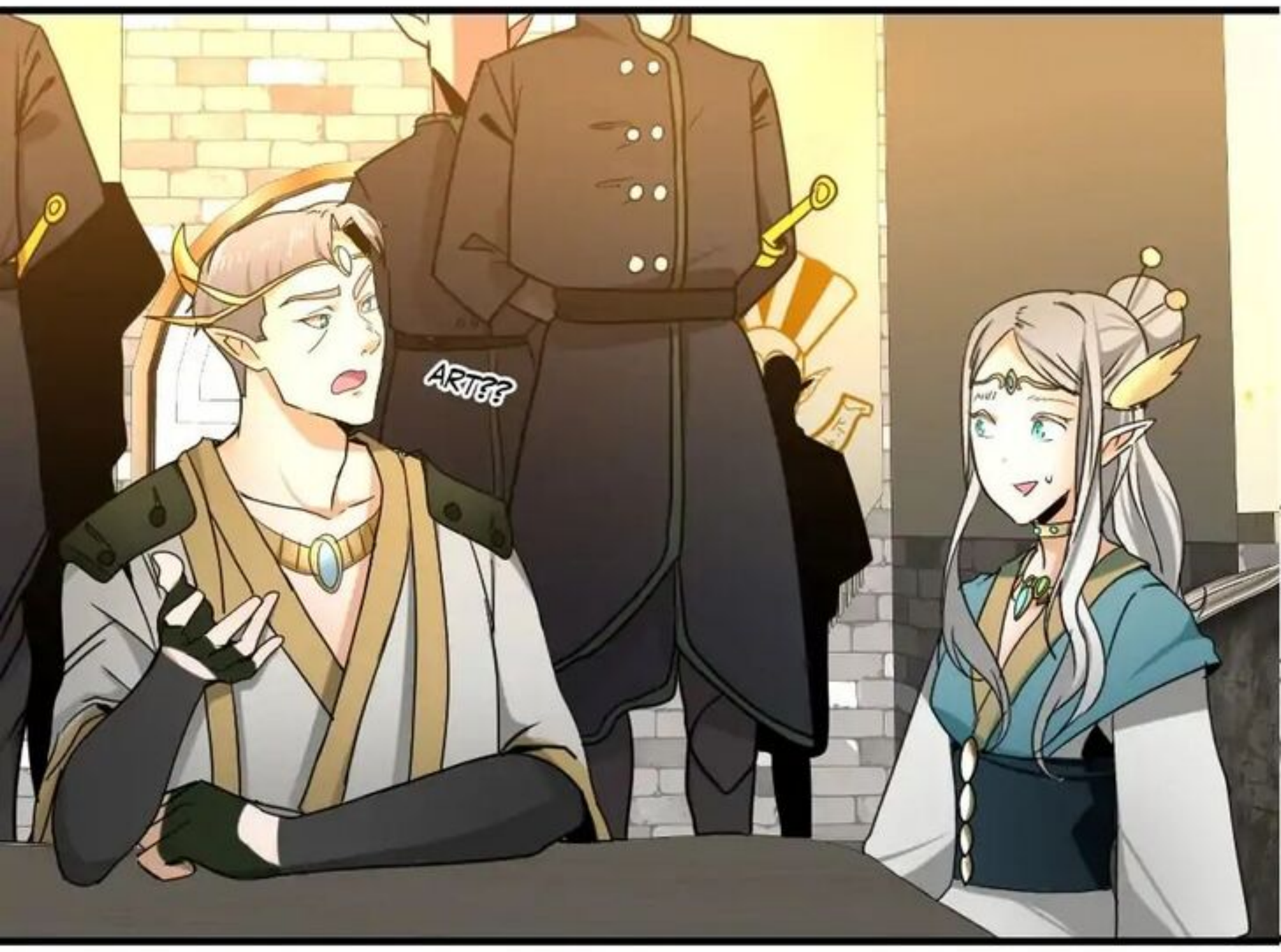
TESS-- PRINCESS TESSIA HAS BEEN RETURNED SAFELY.

ALL I WISH
FOR NOW IS TO
RETURN BACK TO
MY FAMILY
IN SAPIN.

YOU'RE GOING
TO LEAVE ALREADY.

ART?!

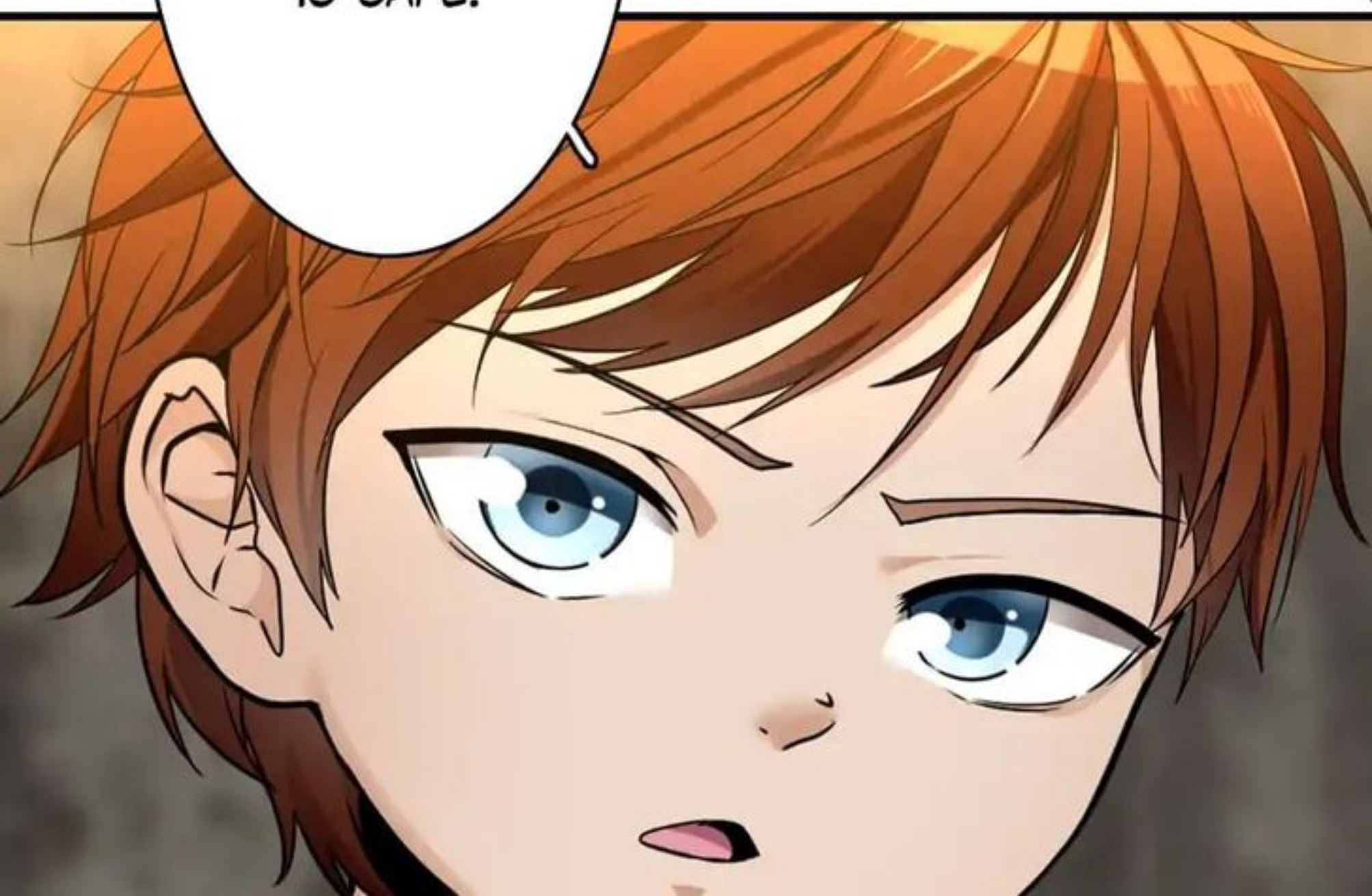
WHOOSH


ARTE?

KNOWING HISTORY, I DON'T THINK IT'S APPROPRIATE FOR A HUMAN TO BE INSIDE THIS KINGDOM FOR TOO LONG, PRINCESS.

BESIDES,

MY PRIORITY IS TO MAKE SURE MY FAMILY IS SAFE.



AND LET THEM KNOW THAT I'M OKAY AS WELL.

REGARDLESS OF OUR TWO KINGDOMS' PAST,

YOU HAVE SAVED OUR DAUGHTER

AND TAKEN THE TROUBLE TO ACCOMPANY HER ALL THE WAY BACK TO US,

WHICH ENTITLES YOU TO A BEFITTING REWARD...

UNFORTUNATELY, THE TELEPORTATION GATE LINKED WITH SAPIN KINGDOM IS ONLY ACCESSIBLE ONCE EVERY SEVEN YEARS,

DURING THE SUMMIT CONFERENCE BETWEEN THE THREE RACES.

IT'LL BE ANOTHER FIVE YEARS UNTIL THE GATE WILL OPEN.

HOWEVER,
WE'D BE HAPPY
TO SEND A GROUP
OF GUARDS TO
ESCORT YOU
BACK HOME
SAFELY.

I'D ALSO
LIKE TO EXTEND
OUR HOSPITALITY.

SOME OF
US ARE TOLERANT
ENOUGH,

BUT TOO MANY STILL
HOLD GRUDGES TOWARDS
HUMANS BECAUSE OF THE
WAR LONG AGO.

SO FOR NOW, MAKE YOURSELF AT HOME.

WE WILL HAVE YOUR ESCORTS PREPARED BY TOMORROW MORNING.

THANK YOU.

THE BEGINNING AFTER THE END

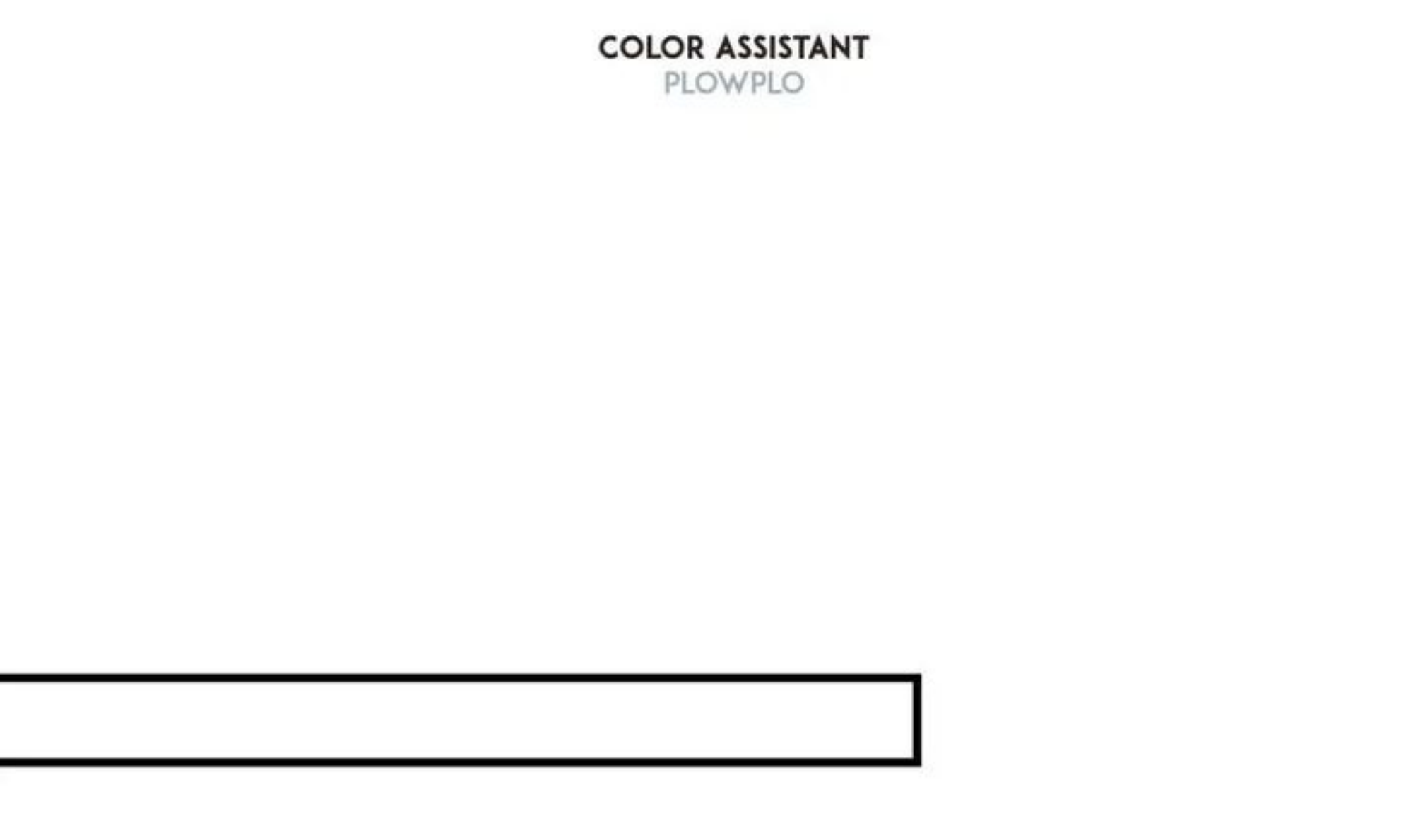
STORY BY
TURTLEME

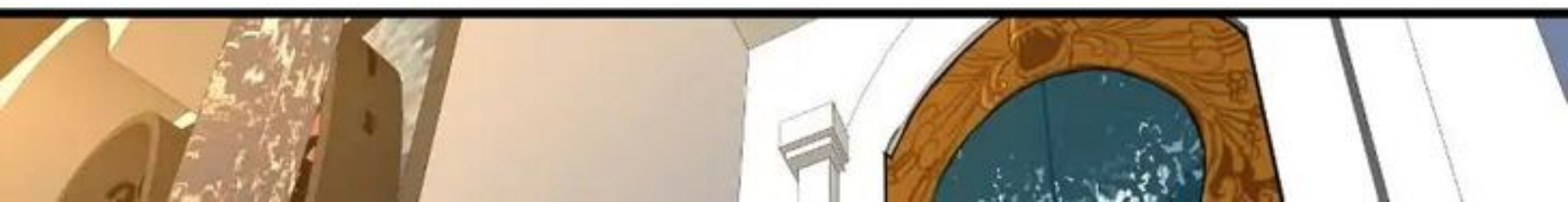
ART BY
FUYUKI23

PRESENTED BY
TAPAS MEDIA

QUALITY CONTROL BY
KISAI ENTERTAINMENT

COLOR ASSISTANT
PLOWPLO





I'M
TOO TIRED
FOR THIS.

SHAAAA
SHAAA

BAM!

DAMN IT!

IT'S GETTING WORSE...

I DON'T KNOW WHAT TO DO, SYLVIA.

I WISH YOU WERE HERE TO HELP ME...

KNOCK KNOCK!

COMING!

WHAM!

OOF!

DUMMY!

FIRST YOU
TALK ALL COLDLY
TO MY FAMILY,

AND THEN YOU'RE GOING BACK ALREADY!

I WASN'T BEING COLD, TESS.

I WAS

I WAS BEING RESPECTFUL BECAUSE... YOU KNOW...

THEY'RE THE KING AND QUEEN OF THIS ENTIRE KINGDOM!

WHY DIDN'T YOU TELL ME?!

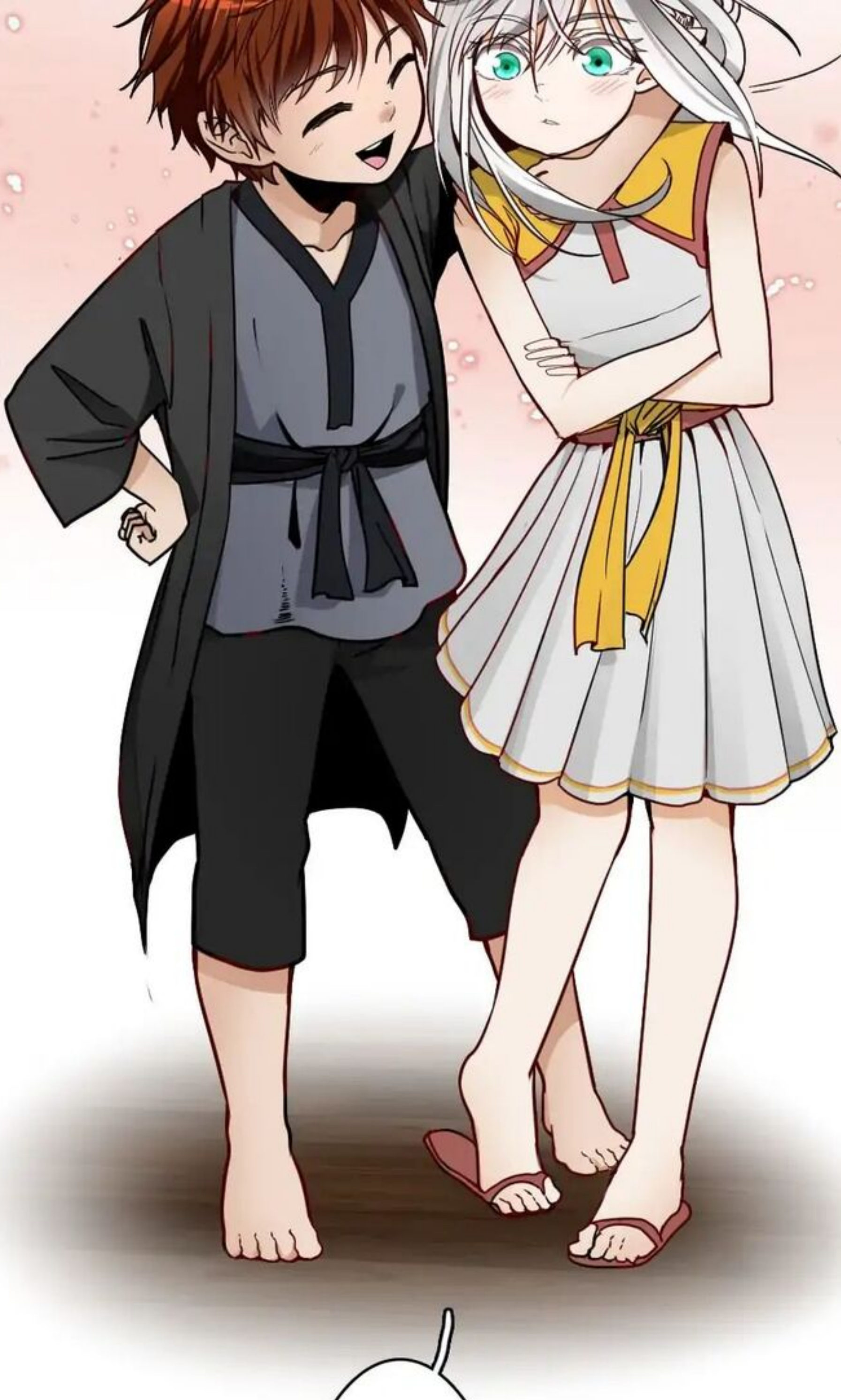
TEEHEE~

DON'T "TEEHEE" ME!

STILL... I DON'T WANT YOU TO LEAVE...

YOU'RE THE FIRST...
FRIEND I'VE...

COME ON,
CRYBABY PRINCESS.

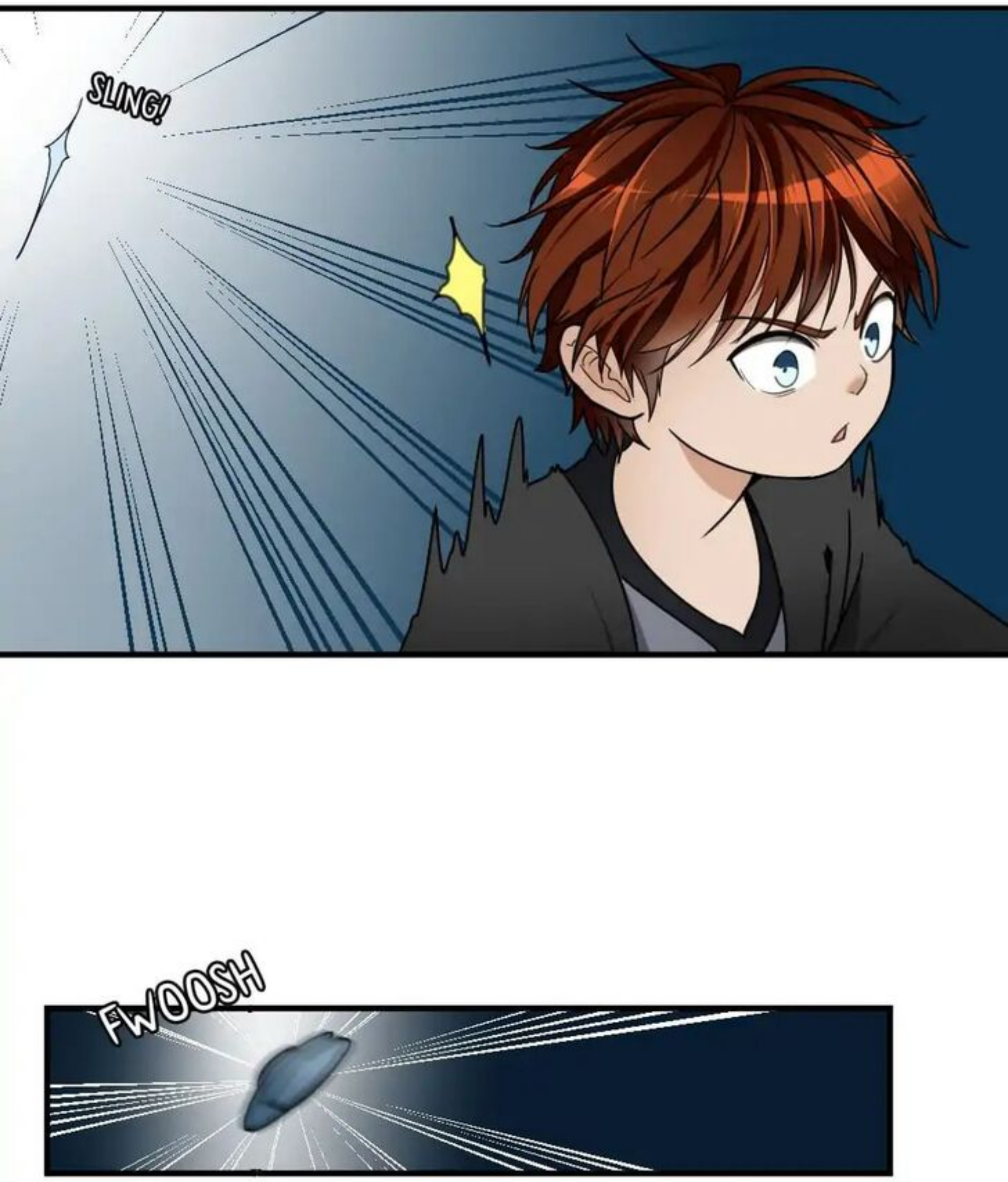

SHOW ME AROUND THE CASTLE.

IF YOU STAYED HERE UNTIL SPRING, YOU COULD SEE ALL OF THE FLOWERS

BLOOM HERE.

AT LEAST
YOU'RE ABLE TO
SEE THE GLOWBEES
HARVESTING...

LOOK!
IT'S PRETTY,
RIGHT?


SLING!

FWOOSH

PULL

GRAB!

DASH!

THUD!

HELLO~

WHAT THE HELL!
DID YOU JUST TRY TO KILL YOUR OWN

GRANDDAUGHTER?!

IT MIGHT'VE LEFT HER A SMALL WELT, BUT I DOUBT THAT TOY YOU'RE HOLDING COULD KILL ANYONE.

I WAS TRICKED!

WIGGLE WIGGLE

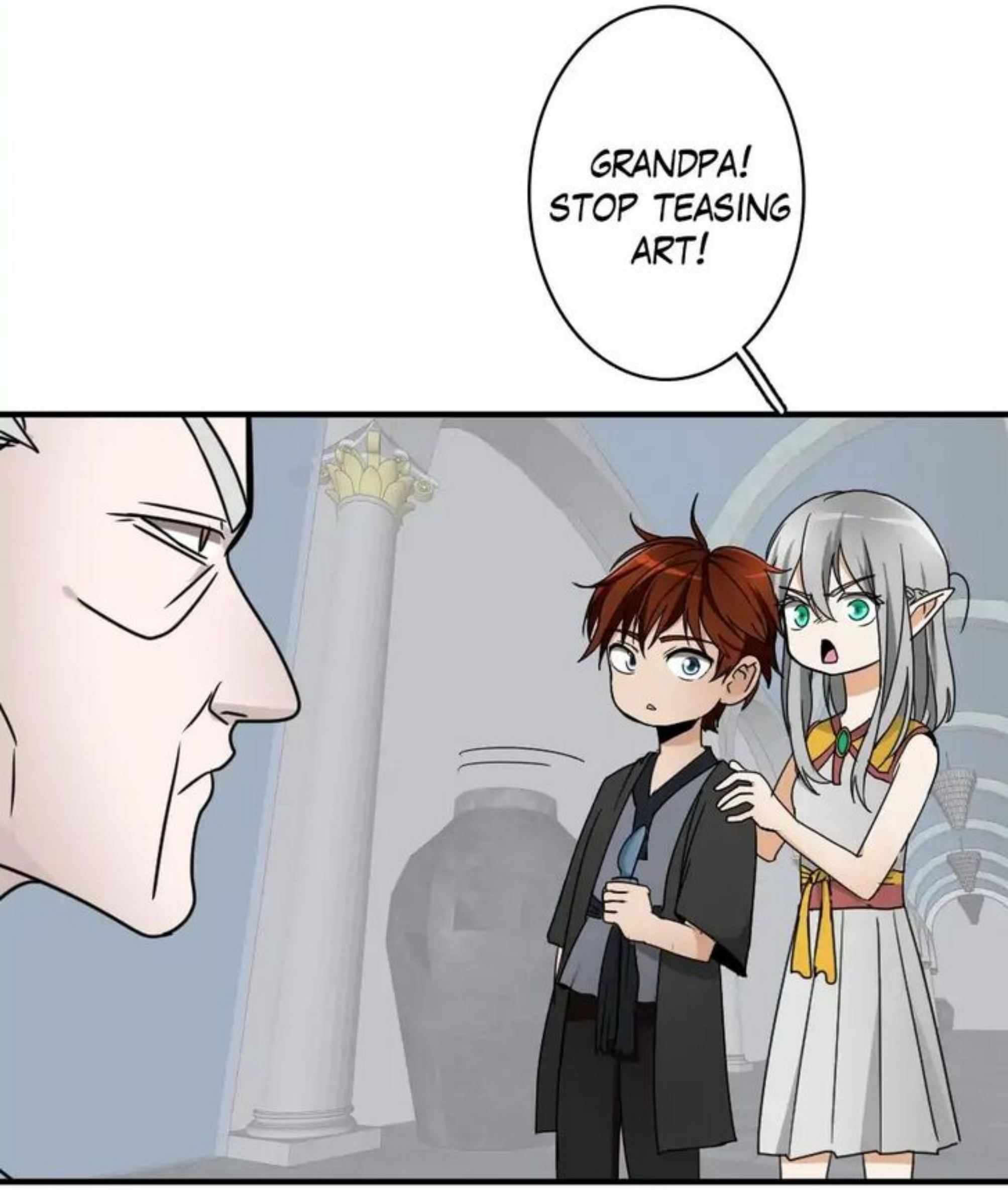
GREAT REACTION AND INSTINCTS, THOUGH.

TO THINK
YOU'D CATCH
MY LITTLE PRESENT
AND USE IT AGAINST
ME.

YOUR MANA
USAGE IS MEDIOCRE
AT BEST,

BUT I CAN
SEE HOW YOU
WERE ABLE TO KILL
A FEW SLAVE
TRADERS.

THIS OLD MAN HAS A LOST SCREW...


GRANDPA! STOP TEASING ART!

TEASE?

YOU SHOULD KNOW WHY I CAME HERE.

W-WHY DID HE COME?

IT'S BEEN A WHILE SINCE I'VE MET SOMEONE INTERESTING.

TOSS

LET'S SEE
WHAT YOU'RE MADE
OF, BRAT!